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In re the Application of

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Application No.: 09/181,809

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD TO PHOTOISOMERIZE A RECORDING LAYER  
WITH A POLARIZING ROTARY DEVICE (AS AMENDED)

AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 11, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 4, 11, 21, 22, 26, 35, 37, 39, 40, 43, 46, 49 and 52-55 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) An optical recording medium comprising at least one optical recording layer, the optical recording layer including an optical recording material having at least one of a polymer or a liquid crystal polymer that changes a state of photo-induced birefringence in response to a recording light that is externally controlled from the optical recording medium to rotate a polarization angle of the recording light, a portion of the recording layer that changes a state of photo-induced birefringence substantially acting optically as a half-wave plate.

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